

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting: Wednesday 12th October 2022
at 2.00 pm. (Committee Room No. 4)

PRESENT: - Councillors Brook (Chairman), Biggins, Maddox, Morgan, Pemberton, Roberts and Shirley.

Officers Present:- Steph Cordon (Director of People and Place), Sue Roberts (Director of Resources), David Haughian (Capital Programme Manager), Helen Houston (Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy), Marie Richards (Head of Operational Services), Maisie Shaw (Regeneration and Planning Policy) and Jon Huck (Democratic and Electoral Services Manager).

58 – Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Barlow, Burley and Hamilton.

59 – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September and the Extraordinary meeting held on 29th September, 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

60 – Public Participation

RESOLVED: - To note that no questions, representations, deputations or petitions had been received in respect of the meeting.

61 – Appointments on Outside Bodies, Panels and Working Groups

The Democratic Services Manager's report sought a replacement appointment from the Conservative Group to the Member Training Working Group and the Allotments Liaison Committee, owing to Councillor Ronson no longer being a Member of the Conservative Group.

He also reported that this Committee in May 2022 had appointed Councillors Brook, Gawne and A Thomson to the Barrow Forward Member Committee (2:1:0). Looking at the terms of reference of that Committee the members needed to be representatives on this Executive Committee. Councillors Gawne and A Thomson were not on the Executive Committee. A representative from the Conservative and Labour Groups were requested.

It was moved by Councillor Shirley and seconded by Councillor Morgan, and

RESOLVED:-

1. To appoint Councillor Pemberton to the Member Training Working Group;

2. To appoint Councillor Hall to the Allotments Liaison Committee; and
3. To appoint Councillors Morgan and Pemberton to the Barrow Forward Member Committee.

62 – Shared Prosperity Fund – Submission of business cases for Year 1 Funding

The Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy presented the bids that the Council would submit for appraisal and approval against interventions E1 – Funding for improvements to town centres; E7 – Support for active travel enhancements in the local area; and E14 – Funding to support relevant feasibility studies of the Shared Prosperity Fund.

It was moved by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Morgan, and

RESOLVED:-

1. To note and endorse the submission of projects detailed in Section 3 of the report; and
2. If the project were successful, authorise the Director of People and Place in consultation with the Director of Resources, to enter into MOU's with the Accountable Body for individual Barrow Borough Council led projects.

63 – Levelling Up Parks Fund

The Capital Programme Manager requested Members to note and endorse the submission of a funding bid for Levelling Up Parks Fund.

The funding would be used to upgrade the existing green space at Argyle Place, which was located in Central Ward.

It was moved by Councillor Biggins and seconded by Councillor Roberts, and

RESOLVED:-

1. To note and endorse the submission of a funding bid of £85k towards an upgrade to the existing green space at Argyle Place, Central Ward;
2. To agree to recommend Council to include £47,500 of project funding into the Capital Programme in 2022/23; and
3. If the funding was successful, authorise the Director of People and Place, in consultation with the Director of Resources, to enter into a MOU with the Government.

64 – Council Finances Quarter 1 2022-2023

The Director of Resources presented a summary of the General Fund core revenue budget at 30th June, 2022 and commented on other aspects of Council finance.

It was moved by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Maddox, and
RESOLVED: - To note the General Fund financial monitoring at 30th June, 2022.

65 – Capital Programme

The Director of Resources reminded the Committee that the Capital Programme 2022 - 2026 had been presented to this Committee on 27th July, 2022.

The report contained the revisions incorporated to reflect the Town Deal advance funding, major project reprofiling, and the inclusion of the Waste Service capital elements.

The financial year 2025 - 2026 had been introduced but only to recognise the elements of the Town Deal to be defrayed in that year.

It was moved by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Councillor Roberts, and

RESOLVED:-

1. To note the Capital Programme revisions; and
2. To approve the Capital Programme 2022 - 2026.

66 – Waste Verbal Update

The Head of Operational Services gave a verbal update on the in house Waste Service Transition.

She reported that on Monday 10 October 2022 the Leader of the Council had welcomed all Waste Services staff during an event held at the Forum which was very well received.

She commented that the Green Waste Collection and the Waste Transfer Station continued to deliver their services without interruption.

The following day the refuse and recycling collections were also delivered seamlessly. The Mechanical Support and Street Cleansing Services had also continued to be delivered without interruption.

RESOLVED: - To note the verbal update.

The meeting closed at 2.53 pm.